

Capsule Summary

Murray House  
1340 Douglass Avenue  
Highland Beach, Maryland

c. 1899

Private Residence

The Murray Cottage is one of the original houses that was constructed in the historically black town of Highland Beach. It has been considerably altered since its construction, but it remains an important example of architectural space planning and design quality in this community. It currently exhibits colonial and bungalow style characteristics and has been beautifully maintained as a quality summer home in this community.

## MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST

## INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

**1 NAME**

HISTORIC

Murray House

AND/OR COMMON

**2 LOCATION**

STREET &amp; NUMBER

1340 Douglass Ave.

CITY, TOWN

Highland Beach

VICINITY OF

Annapolis

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

STATE

Maryland

Anne Arundel COUNTY

**3 CLASSIFICATION****CATEGORY**☐ DISTRICT☐ BUILDING(S)☒ STRUCTURE☐ SITE☐ OBJECT**OWNERSHIP**☐ PUBLIC☒ PRIVATE☐ BOTH**PUBLIC ACQUISITION**☐ IN PROCESS☐ BEING CONSIDERED**STATUS**☒ OCCUPIED☐ UNOCCUPIED☐ WORK IN PROGRESS**ACCESSIBLE**☐ YES: RESTRICTED☒ YES: UNRESTRICTED☐ NO**PRESENT USE**☐ AGRICULTURE☐ MUSEUM☐ COMMERCIAL☐ PARK☐ EDUCATIONAL☒ PRIVATE RESIDENCE☐ ENTERTAINMENT☐ RELIGIOUS☐ GOVERNMENT☐ SCIENTIFIC☐ INDUSTRIAL☐ TRANSPORTATION☐ MILITARY☐ OTHER:**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME

Mr. &amp; Mrs. Charles (Norma) Jorgenson

Telephone #: 529-2410

STREET &amp; NUMBER

3918 17 Place NE

CITY, TOWN

Washington, DC

VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

COURTHOUSE

REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Anne Arundel

Liber #: 3276

Folio #: 748-49

STREET &amp; NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

Annapolis, MD

STATE

**6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE

DATE

☐ FEDERAL ☐ STATE ☐ COUNTY ☐ LOCALDEPOSITORY FOR  
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

**7 DESCRIPTION**

CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ALTERED	<input type="checkbox"/> MOVED      DATE _____
<input type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		

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**DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE**

1340 Douglass

This house was originally a **two** storey, colonial cottage. It is woodframe and dormers have been added to the facade. The principal entrance of the house faces Douglass Avenue although the more decorative elements and the orientation of the house is towards the eastern view or the Chesapeake Bay.

Highland Beach, Maryland is located about ten miles south of Annapolis next to the Chesapeake Bay. The Murray Cottage is located on the block which is bounded by Bay Avenue in the north, Wayman Avenue to the east, Douglass Avenue in the south and Langston Avenue to the west. The lot is close to the sands of the beach and is supportive of grasses and trees.

The original cottage was a one story gable roof structure with top wing extensions from the central plan. Currently, the southern view of the house exhibits a central gable roofed structure with dormers on the second story. Fenestration is a mixture of casement and double hung windows with various trim widths and finishes. The wall finish novelty siding and aluminium screening has been added to the enclosed porch.

**CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY**

PERIOD		AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
EHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE	
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<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER	
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		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION			

SPECIFIC DATES      c 1899      BUILDER/ARCHITECT      unknown

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

see "Highland Beach Settlement"

Highland Beach, Maryland is a historic black town that was founded by the son of Frederick Douglass. The town was conceived by Haley R. Douglass in the late nineteenth century to be a resort community for prominent blacks. Highland Beach is a unique existing reminder of town planning and architectural history as it relates to vernacular and high style design as exhibited by black people. Most of the architecture in Highland Beach is located on the original sites and building expansions were performed within a ten to fifteen year time frame. This provides us with a concise history of design, space planning, and architecture in a homogeneous, extant community.

All of the cottages that were constructed prior to 1930 are important elements related to town planning and design. It is important that these houses retain their originality in terms of plan design, lot orientation, interior decoration, and architectural aesthetics in order to preserve the concept of space and the dynamics of community development in this historic black town.

**9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES**

see "Highland Beach Settlement"

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**10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA**

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY \_\_\_\_\_

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE

COUNTY

STATE

COUNTY

**11 FORM PREPARED BY**

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ORGANIZATION

Morgan State University

DATE

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STREET &amp; NUMBER

Center for Built Environment Research

TELEPHONE

CITY OR TOWN

Baltimore, MD

STATE

The Maryland Historic Sites Inventory was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature, to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 Supplement.

The Survey and Inventory are being prepared for information and record purposes only and do not constitute any infringement of individual property rights.

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TITLE ABSTRACT  
1340 Douglass ave

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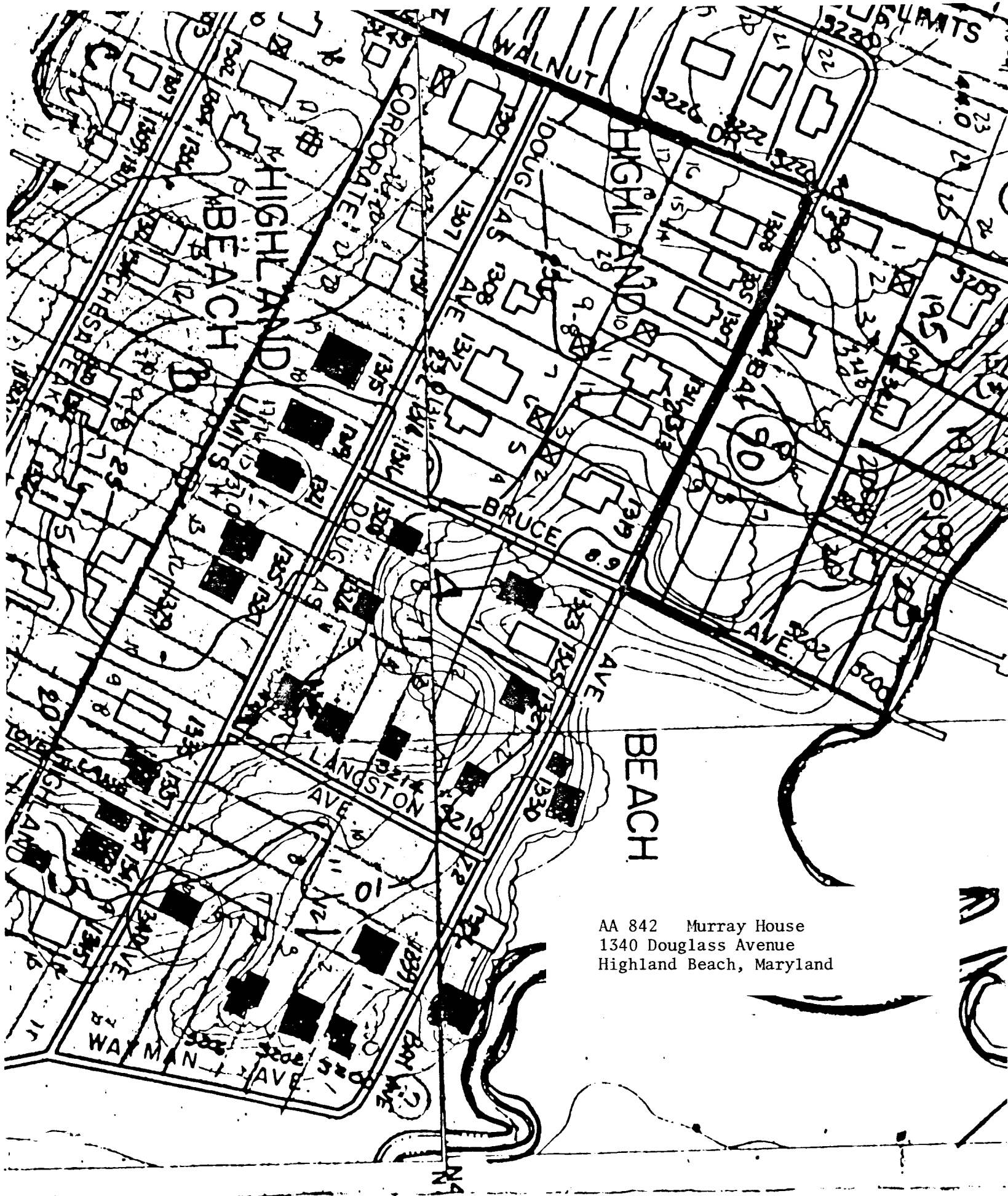
Joseph H. Douglass

To

Eva Chase

To

Murray House



AA 842 Murray House  
1340 Douglass Avenue  
Highland Beach, Maryland



Murray Cottage  
Highland Beach  
Currently owned by Jorgenson

AA-842





AA842 Murray House  
1340 Douglass Avenue  
Highland Beach, Maryland  
General View

Fern Eisner, Photographer  
March, 1982